

Minutes of the Social Services Commission Special Meeting
Feb. 20, 2014 – Senior Center – 8:30 a.m.

Members present:

Rob Michalman, Ruth Clark, Faith Roebelen

Absent: Bob Brooks, Bridget Fidler, Marcia Dufore, Sharon Kozaczka,
Selectman Mel Chafetz

Directors present: Paula Pascoe, Janet Frechette, Denise Winiarski

Chairman Rob Michalman called the special meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Citizen Comment: None

The minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting were accepted as posted and distributed.

Directors' Reports

Paula Pascoe, Director of the Senior Center, distributed her written report.

She noted that the weather is wreaking havoc with the tax appointments, etc. She is busy rescheduling the appointments and various programs are being rearranged. A new exercise session will begin March 17. The Pre-habilitation Workshop is postponed until March 6. She is planning new lunch incentives to attract new members who have never attended the lunch program.

Janet Frechette, Director of EAA Social Services, distributed her written report.

Fuel Aid: 186 applications have been submitted to CRT to date. The extended period of cold weather has caused the office to be very busy. We get daily calls from people who have run out of fuel. Operation Fuel had an allocation of \$10,000 for the season and we have used \$7,000 so far. Private Fuel: Due to the severity of the winter, we are allowing our guidelines to permit an additional delivery whereby EAA pays for 50 gallons and the client pays for 50.

Meals-On-Wheels: The winter has made it difficult for volunteers delivering meals. The EAA staff has been making the essential deliveries.

Food Bank: The EAA Food Pantry continues to solicit food donations to replenish our very active food pantry.

Home Energy Solutions: A letter is being sent by the First Selectman, informing the residents about an energy survey that is available. Contractors will evaluate your home's energy performance and recommend steps that will lead to improvement. For every survey done, the Home Energy Solutions program will donate \$25 to the EAA.

Denise Winiarski, Mini Bus Director, distributed her written report. Ridership statistics for January, 2014: 634 passengers traveled 6,775 miles, for an average ridership of 37 per day, for 19 days of service. Approximately 612 gallons of fuel were used.

Chairman's update: Chairman Michalman updated the status of the Youth Services Director position. Bob Brooks, Selectman Chafetz, Police Officer Terry Antrum, and the Chairman have been conducting the interviews. There were more than 40 applications. The interview process has narrowed the candidates down to 2. It is hoped that the position will be filled by early March.

Executive Session: Discussion of confidential community correspondence

The Directors were excused from the Executive Session.

The meeting entered Executive Session at 9:10 a.m. Open Session was resumed at 9:35 a.m. No action was taken. This agenda item will be on the agenda of the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary SS.Minutes.Feb.20.2014